

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended paragraph:

Abstract

~~In a method for providing measured values for end customers:—~~

In a method for providing measured values for end customers: The measured value for a process variable is recorded using a sensor and is transmitted to a process control system. The number of transmission operations is counted on the basis of the number of transmission operations. The fundamental advantage of the invention is that the end customer no longer pays for the sensor itself, but rather only for that which he actually requires, the measured value.